

GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION FOR A DRUG FREE INDIANA 2007 STRATEGIC PLAN

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PREVENTION

FINDINGS:

1. The Epidemiological Work Group has identified the following drugs as Indiana's biggest substance abuse problems based on data analysis:
 - a. Alcohol
 - b. Marijuana
 - c. Cocaine
 - d. Heroin
 - e. Methamphetamine
 - f. Prescription drugs
2. Effective prevention programs should be evidence-based and have positive impacts on a variety of risk factors.
3. There is a need to increase access to information about effective evidence-based prevention strategies statewide.
4. The Local Coordinating Councils serve an important function in promoting prevention efforts at the local level, their efforts are enhanced through technical assistance and further training on the Strategic Prevention Framework and through a restructuring and expansion of LCC influence.
5. Involving youth in designing responses to underage drinking and other illegal drugs is an evidence-based strategy.

GOAL STATEMENT:

Support the development and implementation of a Strategic Prevention Framework using the State Incentive Grant process to better inform and improve substance abuse prevention services and outcomes at the local and state level as well as filling gaps in local infrastructure.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTION STEPS:

1. **Leverage participation in the SPF-SIG development and implementation process to better understand and inform the current status of substance abuse prevention services in the State of Indiana.**
 - a. Provide input to the SPF-SIG development process through participation of DFI and MFI members.
 - b. Develop a mechanism to support and coordinate the efforts of the SPF-SIG and DMHA Prevention efforts as part of the Commission responsibility to reduce duplication and ensure access to prevention resources statewide.
2. **Coordinate state substance abuse prevention efforts at the local level with the Local Coordinating Councils.**
 - a. Build the capacity of the LCC's and their community partners to collect and analyze relevant substance abuse data to support their prevention programming and funding decisions.

- b. Build the capacity of LCC's to select the appropriate evidence-based prevention services based on their specific need assessments.
 - c. Develop an online Prevention Tool Kit that provides LCC's and other local substance abuse coalitions with access to model programs, research, Indiana specific substance abuse data, and case studies.
- 3. **Continue the Point of Youth program as a strategy to mobilize youth statewide in reducing underage drinking and other substance abuse issues.**
 - a. Develop and support a legislative agenda for issues specifically affecting youth and substance abuse issues.
 - b. Host the educational opportunities to engage youth statewide in developing prevention, treatment, and enforcement strategies to reduce substance abuse.
 - c. Train youth participants in public speaking, legislative awareness, media awareness, peer facilitation, and team-building.

TREATMENT

FINDINGS:

1. Treatment of the hard core drug user reduces crime and violence.
2. Diverse treatment modalities promote diverse access to treatment.
3. Access to treatment and continuing care services are essential to the successful re-entry of prison population.
4. Treatment must be both affordable and accessible.
5. Public support of treatment is vital to the success of any treatment initiative within the State.

GOAL STATEMENT

Promote affordable, accessible, appropriate and holistic treatment, recovery, and continuing care services to the citizens of Indiana at a time and place that best responds to their disease/addiction.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTION STEPS:

1. **Promote treatment and recovery as positive, appropriate, and cost effective responses to the disease of addiction and seek to reduce the stigma associated with treatment and recovery.**
 - a. Identify and provide to the citizens of Indiana a list of public and private treatment and continuing care services and facilities throughout the State of Indiana.
 - b. Provide leadership to develop a positive messaging strategy to encourage and support people in treatment and recovery.

2. **Conduct a capacity analysis of existing treatment and continuing care services and determine the best strategies to support and expand existing efforts.**
 - a. Determine the current levels of funding to support treatment at the federal, state and local levels.
 - b. Conduct a gap analysis of existing treatment and continuing care services to determine gaps in services in the various regions of the State.
 - c. Identify the unmet treatment needs of juveniles and propose a strategy to increase access to treatment services.
 - d. Convene and facilitate a “key stakeholders in treatment” summit to assess and promote partnerships that expand access to a full continuum of treatment and continuing care.
 - e. Conduct a literature review of evidence-based treatment strategies and promote model practices throughout the state.
3. **Support DMHA’s efforts to restructure substance abuse and mental health systems statewide to focus on performance measures.**
 - a. Implement performance-based contracts with treatment providers.
 - b. Conduct assessment of treatment provider performance.
 - c. Base future funding on meeting client outcome measures.
4. **Expand law enforcement and criminal justice collaborations that enhance treatment and continuing care services for offenders.**
 - a. Identify and assess effectiveness of current drug court models and provide a plan for replication.
 - b. Support expansion of treatment models for offenders to include local as well as state correctional facilities.
 - c. Replicate effective Forensic Diversion model for offenders.
 - d. Promote court and community corrections support for retaining offenders in treatment for the full extent of their sentencing conditions.
 - e. Develop standardized assessments for juvenile and adult offenders to be conducted while still incarcerated that pre-qualify them for treatment and services upon release.
 - f. Encourage continuum of care efforts that flow from incarceration to release and acknowledgement that recidivism is a bridge to relapse treatment.

ENFORCEMENT

FINDINGS:

1. While clandestine drug labs are declining in the State of Indiana, treatment admissions continue to rise.
2. The importation of methamphetamine into the State of Indiana by Mexican drug cartels is on the rise.
3. The criminal element involved in drug trafficking is not limited to drug-related crimes, they are involved in a wide-ranging criminal enterprise that links to human trafficking, identity fraud, money laundering, and other crimes.
4. There is a need to enhance coordination and cooperation between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to fully leverage limited resources.
5. The Fusion Center provides an opportunity to leverage criminal intelligence sharing around limiting the importation of illicit drugs in Indiana.
6. Indiana is under-utilizing the weigh stations and commercial motor vehicle enforcement resources to have an impact on the importation of illegal drugs.
7. Underage drinking and problem drinking continue to be the number one cause of substance-abuse related deaths and economic impact on states.

GOAL STATEMENT

Develop a strong statewide interdiction strategy to reduce the importation of illegal drugs; coordinate with and leverage other related efforts such as human trafficking, homeland security, and commercial motor vehicle inspection; and maximize limited local, state, and federal resources to improve communication, cooperation, and outcomes.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTION STEPS:

- 1. Convene four Advanced Criminal Enforcement work groups under the umbrella of the enforcement component of the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana beginning in December to coordinate local, state, and federal interdiction efforts.**
 - a. Formalize the Advanced Criminal Enforcement Work Groups around Policy and Legislation, Training, Operations, and Criminal Intelligence Sharing.
 - b. Develop specific legislative and policy recommendations for the Commission to advance with the Governor and Legislature
 - c. Coordinate and promote state and federal training opportunities to enhance local, state, and federal interdiction efforts in Indiana.
 - d. Develop specific recommendations to enhance interdiction operations efforts, particularly as it relates to Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement and basic skills.
 - e. Utilize the Fusion Center to convene and coordinate criminal intelligence sharing efforts related to importation of illegal drugs.

2. **Improve efforts to restrict access to precursor chemicals for the manufacturing of methamphetamine**
 - a. Develop an Electronic Log mechanism to track all controlled medications in the State of Indiana.
 - b. Educate retailers and law enforcement on how to use the system.
3. **Develop an Under-Age Drinking Initiative focused on strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and Higher Education efforts to reduce binge drinking and problem drinking on Indiana campuses.**
 - a. Design a pilot project focused on reducing underage, binge, and problem drinking behaviors related to colleges and universities.

LOCAL AND STATE COORDINATION

FINDINGS:

1. LCCs need better access to substance abuse needs assessment data.
2. LCCs need access to county-level funding for prevention, treatment, and enforcement in order to better target and coordinate their efforts.
3. LCCs need access to evidence-based programs for substance abuse prevention, treatment, and enforcement.
4. LCCs need support in implementing meth-specific strategies where it presents a real threat.
5. LCCs need support in developing additional funding options to support equitable access to substance abuse prevention, treatment, and enforcement strategies.

GOAL STATEMENT

Strengthen local and state coordination of substance abuse prevention, treatment and enforcement efforts statewide to reduce the health and safety impacts of alcohol and other drugs.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTION STEPS:

1. **Support local and state coordination efforts to incorporate a strong meth focus.**
 - a. Provide staffing and support for implementation of the Meth Free Indiana Coalition Action Plan.
 - b. Build the capacity of LCCs to do needs assessment, analysis, and selection of appropriate prevention, treatment, and enforcement strategies to reduce the impact of methamphetamine.

- 2. Strengthen the role and capacity of LCCs to enhance substance abuse prevention, treatment, and enforcement efforts in each county.**
 - a. Strengthen the funding support for LCCs by increasing appropriate assessment and collection of the countermeasure and interdiction fees.
 - b. Explore and recommend additional funding options for LCC's.
 - c. Continue to provide training and technical assistance to LCC's through the support of community consultants.
- 3. Enhance communication and information sharing to facilitate coordination and expansion of LCC role in DFI and MFI coordination efforts.**
 - a. Convene the LCC's for a one day event to brief them on the DFI and MFI action plans and to gather additional feedback and input from LCC's about how to strengthen their effectiveness.
 - b. Facilitate regular interaction between LCC's and the DFI through regular reports to the DFI by individual LCC's.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY

FINDINGS:

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GOAL STATEMENT

Develop and implement an evidence-based Drug Control Policy for the State of Indiana.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTION STEPS:

- 1. Promote data collection and analysis and criminal intelligence sharing.**
 - a. Launch the Meth Repository as a data collection and analysis tool to enhance documentation and accountability for the statewide meth strategy.
 - b. Educate and incentivize local law enforcement to submit the new monthly meth data reporting form to CJI.
- 2. Mapping resources at a county level.**
 - a. Work with OMB to develop a mechanism to track prevention, treatment, and enforcement funding resources at a county level.

- 3. Research state and national models for a statewide Drug Control Policy and the different organizational models being used to improve coordination and results.**
 - a. Conduct a scan of model state drug control policies and ONDCP policies.
 - b. Document Indiana's current model for infrastructure, policies, and best practices.
 - c. Develop recommendations for a statewide Drug Control Policy to strengthen Indiana's current strategy and to improve outcomes.
- 4. Identify evidence-based best practices for Indiana in the areas of prevention, treatment, and law enforcement.**
 - a. Document Indiana's current practices in prevention, treatment, and enforcement.
 - b. Compare with the research on evidence-based best practices in each area.
 - c. Develop recommendations for enhancing the implementation of evidence-based best practices at a state and local level.
- 5. Identify gaps in infrastructure and funding at the local and state levels to implement a successful comprehensive community plan.**
 - a. Conduct an analysis of local and state infrastructure and funding for prevention, treatment, and enforcement.
 - b. Identify gaps in infrastructure, capacity, and resources to implement comprehensive community plans.
 - c. Recommend specific steps to reduce the gaps, eliminate duplication of effort, and leverage limited local resources through enhanced coordination and cooperation.